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## POPULATION OF SIKHS



~25 million Sikhs worldwide



500,000+ Sikhs in America

The largest concentrations of Sikhs in America live in CA, NY, and NJ.

#### SIKHS IN AMERICA

>100 Sikhs have been in America for years over 100 years.

Dalip Singh Saund, a Sikh from California, was the first Asian American elected to the U.S. Congress.

In America, the oldest gurdwara, a Sikh house of worship, was built in Stockton, California in 1912.



In America, 99% of the people you see wearing a turban are Sikhs.

#### BELIEFS

Sikhs share basic values with Americans: the importance of **equality**, **religious pluralism**, and justice for all.

founded in Sikhism was founded in 1469 by Guru Nanak in the Punjab region of South Asia.

Sikhism is a distinct, independent and monotheistic religion. It is not a branch or blend of any other faith.

3 core There are 3 core Sikh beliefs: devotion to God, truthful living, and service to humanity.

### **FUN FACTS**

Most Sikhs speak Punjabi, the language originating from Punjab.

The largest peach, pistachio, okra, and raisin farms are all owned by Sikh farmers in Colifornia

